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## TOPIC Soviet Weapons in the Hungarian Army

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**REMARKS**

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25X1<sup>l.</sup> The following Soviet weapons were used by Hungarian units in August 1949:

- 7.62-mm pistol, model 48 (3 cartridges)
- 7.62-mm submachine gun, model 48 (71 cartridges)
- 7.62-mm repeating rifle with "revolving-butt bolt mechanism" (5 cartridges)
- 7.62-mm light machine gun, model 48 (with four drum magazines of 48 cartridges each)
- 7.62-mm Maksim heavy machine gun, model 48 with 250-cartridge belts and allegedly 100-cartridge belts.
- 82-mm mortar
- 120-mm mortar
- 76.2-mm gun with rectangular shield, used as AT gun, only for direct pointing
- 76.2-mm gun for direct and indirect pointing
- 122-mm howitzer for indirect pointing and AT defense
- 152-mm howitzer
- Automatic AA gun of about 40 mm caliber
- 85-mm AA gun
- T 34 tank with 76.2-mm gun without muzzle brake
- 76.2-mm SP gun with muzzle brake
- 122-mm SP howitzer.

2. The following weapons were provided for, but not yet issued to, Hungarian units:

7.62-mm rifle with telescopic sight (one for each squad)  
50-mm mortar (two for each company)  
12.7-mm AA machine gun (one for each company)  
14.5-mm AT rifle  
107-mm long-barreled gun  
JS tank with 122-mm gun (with muzzle brake) and one 12.7-mm  
AA machine gun  
Armored reconnaissance car

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## 3. The following additional information on weapons was obtained:

- a. Sixty apparently new T 34 tanks were seen in the Aron Gabor (Artillery) Barracks, BUDAPEST, in late April 1949\*.
- b. An officer from ESZTERGOM (Q 48/Z 27) troop camp stated in April 1949 that the entire tank equipment for one tank division (250 T 34 tanks) was already stored there\*\*.
- c. Eight 76.2-mm SP guns with muzzle brake were observed in the PILISCABA (Q 48/H 34) troop camp in July 1949\*\*\*.
- d. An officer of the Kossuth Academy stated that twenty 76.2-mm guns and ten 122-mm SP guns were stored in the Aron Gabor Barracks for training purposes\*.
- e. Another Hungarian officer said that the Soviet tank deliveries to the Hungarian Army amounted to about 500 tanks Ø.

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Comment:

a. The report is credible as most technical data could be verified. The mentioned calibers indicate that the Hungarian Army uses Soviet type weapons exclusively, presumably delivered by the Soviets.

b. It is assumed from the reported technical data that the following Soviet type weapons are being used in the Hungarian Army:

7.62-mm Tokarev Pistol TT 1930  
7.62-mm submachine gun, PPD-40 or PPSH-41  
7.62-mm semi-automatic rifle Nagant 91/30 (obsolete)  
7.62-mm light machine gun Degtyarev DP (obsolete)  
7.62-mm Hv machine gun Maksim 10/31 (obsolete)  
12.7-mm AA machine gun Degtyarev 1938  
14.5-mm AT rifle PTRD or PTRS  
50-mm company mortar 39, 40 or 41  
82-mm battalion mortar 37 or 41  
120-mm Regt mortar 38  
76.2-mm field gun 39 or 42 ZIS-3  
122-mm howitzer 38  
152-mm howitzer 37 or 38  
107-mm gun 40/M60 (obsolete)  
37-mm AA gun 39  
85-mm AA gun 39 or 44  
76.2-mm SP gun SU-76 (obsolete)  
122-mm SP howitzer SU-122 (obsolete)  
Medium tank T 34 with 76.2-mm gun (obsolete)  
Heavy tank JS-2 (JS-3?) with 122-mm gun

c. As indicated in the above list, the light infantry weapons and armored vehicles particularly include obsolete types which are now seldom used in the Soviet Army. The figures indicating the year of model were apparently changed to the year when the weapon was introduced into the Hungarian Army.

d. reports emanating from the Hungarian Ministry of National Defense in 1949 included figures on shipments of weapons arriving from the Soviet Union which confirmed the high percentage of Soviet equipment and most of the mentioned type weapons (xx). The report is also confirmed by data on weapons mentioned in previously submitted Hungarian tactical manuals (x).

- \* The tanks and SP guns observed in the Aron Gabor (Artillery) Barracks probably belonged to the Tank Section of the Kossuth Academy which is known to be located there.
- \*\* The information indicates that the 1st Tank Div, on which only one deserter report is available, is being built up in SZTERGOM.
- \*\*\* Probably belonging to component units of the 1st Inf Div.
- ø The reported figure cannot be checked but may be correct. It probably includes the SP guns delivered up to that time. Available reports indicate that only some of the armored vehicles have been issued to troop units, while others are stored in depots to be issued to units to be activated.

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